

## 5. NORTH/WEST SENIORNET

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Community Board to enable a Seniornet Club to begin operation in the North West of Christchurch.

### BACKGROUND

A new club has recently begun in the North West of Christchurch catering to the needs of the community in terms of computer literacy and use of the internet. Modelled on Seniornet Clubs in Shirley and Hornby, this club will be based in the premises of the Papanui Club.

The membership currently stands at almost 60 with more than three quarters of this number being aged over 55 years.

### NEED

The immediate need of the club is for \$1,000 to enable a re-wiring of the room so as to hook up computers.

### POLICY

The Christchurch City Council Older Persons Policy outcomes pertain to this project, especially that older people are able to:

- Contribute and participate in community life.
- Have access to required information, services and resources necessary for their health, safety, income and well-being.
- Continue to learn, grow and develop.

This project also contributes to the Community Board's vision of "Good Community Spirit" and Continuous Learning.

**Recommendation:** That an allocation of \$1,000 from 2001/2002 Strengthening Community Action Plan funds be granted to North West Seniornet to enable re-wiring for computer access to be done.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That \$1,000 be allocated to North/West Seniornet for operational costs rather than re-wiring, as this is a permanent fixture.